6. *First.*—The powers granted to heads of villages, under clause first, section 10, Regulation XI of 1816, to punish trivial offences, are hereby extended, under the rules and limitations therein specified, to the punishment of petty thefts not attended with aggravating circumstances nor committed by persons of notoriously bad character, and where the value of the property stolen does not exceed one rupee. Power to heads of villages to punish petty thefts.

Second.—Heads of villages shall report to the head Police-officer of the district all cases in which they shall have exercised the power of punishment granted to them by clause first of this section. Report of punishment.

7 to 10. [*Repeal of Reg. IX of 1816, s. 37 : Magistrate and Head of District Police relieved from recording evidence and submitting returns of punishments in petty cases : discretion in regard to the administration of oaths.*] [*Rep., Central Act XVII of 1862.*

MADRAS REGULATION IV OF 1822.[1]

[THE MADRAS PERMANENT SETTLEMENT (INTERPRETATION) REGULATION, 1822.]

[*12th July 1822.*]

A Regulation declaring the true intent and meaning of [2][Regulation XXV of 1802, so far as it relates] to the rights of the actual cultivators of the soil. Preamble

DOUBTS having occurred regarding the meaning and construction of the Regulations enacted for insuring the prompt

[1] The short title was given by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1901 (Central Act XI of 1901).

The Regulation was declared by the Laws Local Extent Act, 1874 (Central Act XV of 1874), s. 4 and the second schedule to be in force in the whole of the Presidency of Madras except the territories mentioned in the sixth schedule to that Act.

It has been declared, by notification under s. 3 (*a*) of the Scheduled Districts Act, 1874 (Central Act XIV of 1874), to be in force in the Scheduled Districts in Ganjam and Vizagapatam—*see Gazette of India*, 1898, Pt. I, p. 869, and *Fort St. George Gazette, ibid*, p. 666. The Regulation has been extended by a notification under s. 5 of the Scheduled Districts Act to the Bhadrachalam and Nugur taluks of the Godavari Agency—*see Fort St. George Gazette*, 1930, Pt. I, page 553.

[2] In the title the words and figures "Regulation XXV of 1802, so far as it relates" were substituted for the words and figures "Regulations XXV, XXVIII and XXX of 1802, so far as they relate," and in s. 2 the words and figures "Regulation XXV of 1802" were substituted for the words and figures "Regulations XXV, XXVIII and XXX of 1802" by the Repealing and Amending Act, 1901 (Central Act XI of 1901), s. 3 (1), and the second schedule.

realization of the rents due and payable by the actual cultivators of the soil, either to the officers of Government on the public account, or to zamindars or others entitled to receive the same by inheritance or purchase, or in virtue of special grants issued by the ruling authority on terms of a permanent or temporary settlement of the land-revenue; it has become necessary for Government to declare that in passing those regulations it had no intention of authorizing any infringement or limitation of any established rights of any class of its subjects whatsoever, such rights being properly determinable by judicial investigation only. The Honourable the Governor in Council has therefore been pleased to pass the following Regulation.

Intent of Regulation XXV of 1802, declared.

2. It is hereby declared that the provisions of [1][Regulation XXV of 1802] were not meant to define, limit, infringe or destroy the actual rights of any description of landholders or tenants; but merely to point out in what manner tenants might be proceeded against, in the event of their not paying the rents justly due from them, leaving them to recover their rights, if infringed, with full costs and damages, in the established Courts of Justice.

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